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This is too easy a way out for Microsoft, predominantly because Microsoft has so much money, the charges Microsoft need to pay to settle its monopoly won't even scratch the company. This is meaningless because large companies will continue to get monopolies and pay them off without any problems. The settlement needs to go farther than that, to prevent large companies from getting away with monopolies easily. Just like Carnegie's vertical monopoly on steel, he had made so much money, he still had his monopoly on steel. What should be done is Microsoft should break up into two competing companies. Thus they will not be able to form trusts more overtly than what they're doing now. Another solution would be to force Microsoft to have two versions of Windows available; one with all the features and software it has now, and one with just the operating system itself. However, I believe this aspect is not an issue because Microsoft just has a better product. The Operating System doesn't prevent one from installing Netscape or anything of that nature, it's equal opportunity for all ventures.

In addition to it being too easy for large companies to get away with monopolies, other companies also bundle up their software, such as Apple. So in reality they are also cutting off the market because Apple requires you to purchase their software and hardware because it won't work any other way. For example, the Mac Operating System obliges you to also buy a Mac printer, Mac compatible word processors, Mac games, Mac compatible browsers, etc.. They are cutting off the market from Microsoft and other companies, who can't put too much software on it because it's not compatible or else pay Apple to get it on. Because Microsoft doesn't want to waste their money, they just place it on their own OS. It's exactly the same idea: Microsoft bundles up Office and IE, just the same way Apple bundles up their software. However, if Apple receives the lawsuit, they will suffer a lot more than Microsoft, who won't get affected by the lawsuit because they have so much money.

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